

HOUSE RESOLUTION 4

By Bone

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Friendship Christian School Football Team on a tremendous season.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship Christian School football team is one such estimable team that evinces great sportsmanship and athletic excellence in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach John McNeal, the Friendship Christian School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2006 season, establishing an excellent record of fourteen wins against only one loss and advancing to the TSSAA Class 1A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship Christian Commanders vanquished their opponents during the regular season posting ten straight victories for an undefeated record, claiming wins over Collinwood (28-0), Davidson Academy (34-17), Clay County (76-6), Watertown (35-0), Ezell Harding (34-7), Monterey (35-12), Red Boiling Springs (61-0), Gordonsville (21-12), Trousdale County (14-7), and Mt. Juliet Christian (61-6); and

WHEREAS, continuing to steamroll through their opposition in the playoffs, Friendship Christian defeated Chattanooga Grace (56-14) and prevailed in a tough rematch with Gordonsville (20-19) to advance to the quarter-finals where they soundly beat Temple (54-7) before blowing past Hampton (24-7) to advance to the BlueCross Bowl and the Class 1A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout, the Friendship Christian School football team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the

integrity of the State of Tennessee after giving a valiant effort in the 1A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, the phenomenal players who comprise the Friendship Christian School Commanders are: John Doak, Charlie Tumbleston, Parker Teeter, Brent Boyd, Jon Miller, Garrett McKnight, Adam Stephens, Eric Molander, Taylor Ferraro, Corey Potter, Bryant Alsup, Cody Searcey, Alex Jackson, Matt Goodner, Michael Teeter, Jake Russell, Evan Shelton, Lee Maasen, John Markham, Cole Patton, Jordan Carman, Beau Baker, Jeremy Rickaway, Payton Alsup, Mitch Miller, Robby Preston, Dylan Boyd, Issac Wilson, Matt McCulloch, Jeremy Hunley, Matt Barnes, Jordan Chaffin, Wade Mitchell, Turner Haddock, Trey Walker, GL Waynick, Logan Bryan, Aaron Nations, Jonathan Dunn, Jai Crowder, Sam Wilkinson, Stephen Nolan, and Matthew Swindoll; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their outstanding play on the gridiron, Commanders Michael Teeter, Taylor Ferraro, John Doak, Brent Boyd, Jon Miller, G.L. Waynick and Bryant Alsup were named to the All Region 4-1A team along with teammates Wade Mitchell, who was named Defensive Player of the Year, and Jeremy Rickaway, who was selected Offensive Player of the Year for the region; and

WHEREAS, Wade Mitchell, a 1A Mr. Football Lineman of the Year finalist, was named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association All State team along with teammates Jeremy Rickaway, Michael Teeter, John Doak, and G. L. Waynick; and

WHEREAS, the estimable coaches of Friendship Christian's exceptional football team are: Head Coach, John McNeal and Assistant Coaches, Duane Lowe, Sean Corbitt, Jody Atwood, Ron Welch, Brad Rowlett, and Josh Derr; and

WHEREAS, the mighty Commanders were also supported in their efforts by Trainer Nathan Johnson, Student Trainers Lindsay Farmer and Jody Leftwich, Athletic Director Randall Dunn and Friendship Christian School Principal Becky Kegley; and

WHEREAS, Friendship Christian School spirit and pride was displayed by an outstanding group of cheerleaders - Amber Hunt, McKenzie McNeal, Megan Bryan, Laura Wilson, Jenni Beth Underhill, Maci Archer, Erika Imler, Lauren Gaines, Lillian Ray, Evie Haddock, Brooke McNeal, Christen Tressler, Kate Burroughs, Erica Faye, Blair Dudley, and Kristen Shoulders - under the supervision of Cheerleader Sponsor Lisa Leftwich; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding spirit, the Friendship Christian School Commanders have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the field and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach John McNeal and the 2006 Friendship Christian School football team on a tremendous season and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.